Sustainable Development

3.2.6 Discuss the concept of sustainable development

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

WHAT IS IT?

Sustainable Development is development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own.

DEPENDS ON THE ASPECTS OF SUSTAINABILITY:

ECONOMIC – ECONOMICALLY EFFICIENT & BENEFITS ARE DISTRIBUTED FAIRLY ACROSS GENERATIONS

SOCIAL – DEVELOPMENT DOESN'T CAUSE CONFLICT & LEADS TO GREATER CONTROL OF DECISION MAKING (EMPOWERMENT)

CULTURAL – RANGE OF CULTURAL VALUES WITHIN A SOCIETY SHOULD NOT BE ENDANGERED BY DEVELOPMENT.

ECOLOGICAL – ECOLOGICAL LIFE SUPPORT SYS, NATURAL CAPITAL + BIODIVERSITY SHOULDN'T BE DAMAGED BY DEVELOPMENT

HISTORY OF DEVELOPMENT

1992 – RIO EARTH SUMMIT (CONF. ON ENVIRO + DEV.)
AGENDA 21 → global agreement of sus. development.
CONVENTION ON BIODIVERSITY

2002 – JOHANNESBURG – WORLD SUMMIT ON SUS. DEV.
AFFIRMED Agenda 21 + UN'S Millenium GOALS

2012 – RIO+2 EARTH SUMMIT
Main OBJ. IS TO GAIN A RENEWED POLITICAL COMMITMENT TO SUS. DEV. & TO ADDRESS NEW CHALLENGES.